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Letter dated 19 April 2007 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the members of the Security Council have decided to send a mission on the Kosovo issue from 24 to 29 April 2007. The mission will be led by Johan C. Verbeke, Permanent Representative of Belgium. The members of the Council have agreed on the terms of reference of the mission, which are annexed hereto.

The members of the Council have agreed that the composition of the mission is as follows:

Johan C. Verbeke, Head of mission (Belgium)
Li Junhua (China)
Basile Ikouebe (Congo)
Jean-Marc de la Sablière (France)
Leslie Christian (Ghana)
Hasan Kleib (Indonesia)
Marcello Spatafora (Italy)
Ricardo Alberto Arias (Panama)
Luis Enrique Chávez (Peru)
Mutlaq Majed Al-Qahtani (Qatar)
Vitaly Churkin (Russian Federation)
Peter Burian (Slovakia)
Dumisani Kumalo (South Africa)
Karen Pierce (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Zlmay Khalilzad (United States of America)

I should he grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Emyr **Jones Parry**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

Security Council mission on the Kosovo issue

The year 2007 emerges as a significant one for Kosovo. In the light of the recent submission of the United Nations Special Envoy's set of proposals to the Security Council, the Council has decided to give its members the opportunity to inform themselves of the situation on the ground, by sending a Security Council mission to Belgrade and Kosovo, from 25 to 28 April 2007. The mission will also visit Brussels and Vienna. A balanced programme and comprehensive schedule of meetings will provide the Security Council members with a first-hand understanding of progress made since the Security Council adopted resolution 1244 (1999). It will allow the Security Council to have an informed understanding of the political, social and economic situation in Kosovo. Earlier Council missions took place in April 2000, June 2001 and December 2002.

The mission has the following objectives:

(a) To obtain first-hand information on progress made in Kosovo since the adoption of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), including on the implementation of the agreed standards;

(b) To receive information directly from the leadership of Serbia and the Provisional Institutions for Self-Government of Kosovo and from representatives of Kosovo's ethnic minority communities on the current political, social and economic situation in Kosovo, as well as on the regional situation;

(c) To receive information directly from representatives of the international community, in Brussels and on the ground, on the current political, social and economic situation in Kosovo, as well as on the regional situation.

The mission will report its conclusions to the Security Council.